

HABITAT MANAGEMENT GRANTS PROGRAM

Request for Proposals

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Program Description:

The Iowa Wildlife Diversity Program has small grants available for habitat management projects directly related to wildlife diversity conservation. Approved projects will be funded on a single-year basis but can be submitted for additional funding in subsequent years (not to exceed 3 years in succession) though it should be noted up front if a project will likely be multi-year. Total grant allotment is \$15,000 per year with \$7,500 being the maximum amount available per proposal request. This funding will begin no later than May 15, 2015.

Request Procedures

Who Should Apply: All DNR Partners including County Conservation Boards, Sportsman's Groups, non-profit conservation organizations. Any **organization** involved in land management with wildlife conservation purposes. This is not available to individuals.

Requests for funding should be concise and contain information according to the following guidelines:

1. Title of the management project.
2. Primary contact's name and address, phone/e-mail.
3. Objectives – describe the immediate goals of the project. These goals should be synonymous with the goals of [Iowa's Wildlife Action Plan](#) (IWAP) and should benefit Species of Greatest Conservation Need.
4. Project area – describe the area where the management project will take place focusing specifically on its importance for supporting diverse wildlife in Iowa.
5. Procedures – explain in detail how the management practices will accomplish project objectives.
6. Justification – What is this project's significance in supporting wildlife diversity in Iowa? How specifically does this project contribute to the goals of the Iowa's Wildlife Action Plan? Why should we fund this project?
7. Personnel – identify the personnel that will be primarily responsible for planning and conducting the management project. Others who will be involved with the project should also be identified (including a description of the tasks they will perform).
8. Budget – include an itemized budget and a complete breakdown of costs for the entire project. If the amount requested from this proposal is less than the total project cost, the specific request should be noted. Matching funds or other sources of funding for this project should also be listed.
9. Calendar – give expected initiation time, estimated dates for each task, and date of completion. Note whether the project will likely be resubmitted for future years funding.

Proposal Submittal

Proposals may be e-mailed or mailed to:

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If your proposal includes color maps, pictures or non-standard page sizes it would be best to send 7 copies of the proposal through the mail for each of the 7 members of the review panel.

Project Eligibility

1) Projects to be considered will have management for wildlife diversity as their primary focus, some **examples** of which are:

- a. Reconstruction and restoration of wildlife habitat.
- b. Pre- and post-monitoring for a species or group of species targeted by a specific management practice.
- c. Purchase of important equipment whose primary use would be dedicated to management for wildlife diversity.
- d. Developing a community prescribed burning cooperative to help put proper management on private lands.

2) In addition to the above, we are declaring 2015 the year of amphibians and reptiles! Basically we would like to encourage management projects that focus on reptile and amphibian conservation. This is not a proposal requirement but will earn the proposal a few extra points in the scoring process.

Some ideas or examples of projects (though proposals do not need to be limited to these):

- a. The creation or enhancement of small, shallow “amphibian friendly” ponds.
- b. Woody vegetation clearing around snake dens on goat prairies or in wetland Massasauga habitat.
- c. Turtle nesting management – shade clearing and maintenance of sandy, gravelly or open soil areas for nesting in targeted areas particularly in areas with Blanding’s turtles, Ornate Box Turtles, and Wood turtles.
- d. Savanna/Open Woodland management – woody cover control benefits slender glass lizards and several other lizard species.

Again these are just examples. A good resource for herptile management best practices in the Midwest is available through the [Partners in Amphibian and Reptiles Conservation](#) (PARC) website if you’d like further information on management of Reptiles and Amphibians.

2) The money provided can **not** be used for reimbursement on projects already completed before the grant money is available on or before May 15, 2015.

3) If the project will cost a great deal more than what is requested in the grant application, the source of additional funding must be listed and secured. Projects with other funding sources pending will not score as highly and would not be notified whether it had been accepted prior to the additional funding being secured.

Review Procedures

All proposals received will be reviewed by an IDNR technical review committee and will be scored based upon:

1. Relationship to the goals of the Wildlife Action Plan. In particular, the project should be shown to benefit Iowa's Species of Greatest Conservation Need.
2. Budget considerations.
3. Adherence to request procedures.
4. As mentioned above a few extra points will be awarded to projects which will have an impact on Amphibian and Reptiles conservation.

DUE DATE: Proposals must be received **before 5pm on November 1, 2014.**

NOTIFICATION: Notice of proposals acceptance or decline will be sent to all applicants by March 31, 2015.

FUNDING DISBURSEMENT: Funding will be available no later than May 15, 2015

Send Proposals and Questions to:

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